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Application No.: 10/575,763	)	Group Art Unit: 1643
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Filed: April 13, 2006	)	Examiner: Anne Gussow
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For: METHOD FOR PROGNOSTIC EVALUATION)		
OF CARCINOMA USING ANTI-P-LAP	)	
ANTIBODY	)	

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Official Action mailed February 1, 2007.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires restriction of the invention to one of the following groups:

**Group I**, claims 1-5 and 16, drawn to a reagent for diagnosis and/or prognostic evaluation of carcinoma;

**Group II**, claims 6-10, drawn to a method of determination of P-LAP; and

**Group III**, claims 11-15, drawn to a method for prognostic evaluation of carcinoma.

**RESPONSE**

Applicants respectfully elect **Group III** (*i.e.*, claims 11-15) for further prosecution, *without traverse*.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding Applicants' amendments or response, (s)he is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (202) 842-8821. Please direct all correspondence to the below-listed address.

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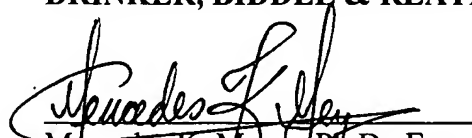


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Respectfully submitted,

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